

WEDNESDAY, May 21st, 1794:

ARTICLES of ENROLMENT

For the PROPOSED CORPS of YORKSHIRE WEST-RIDING YEOMANRY.

We whose Names are here unto subscribed, in Pursuance of an Act of Parliament, entitled, "An Act for the Encouragement and disciplining of such Corps as all Companies of Men as shall voluntarily enrol themselves for the Defence of their Towns or Coasts, or for the General Defence of the Kingdom during the present War," do voluntarily enrol ourselves to form a Corps of Cavalry to be called The Yorkshire West-Riding (a) Yeomanry, for the internal Defence and Security of the Kingdom during the present War, on the following Conditions:

I. **T**O receive no Pay, unless when embodied or called out, but to attend, mounted on a serviceable Gelding or Mare, not less than fourteen Hands and an H If high, to be approved of by the Commanding Officer of each troop, for the Purpose of Exercise, at such Times and Places as shall be fixed by such Commanding-Officer, with the Approbation of the Field Officer commanding the whole Corps.

II. (b) *Such Times and Places of Exercise* to be fixed as may least interfere with the other Employments of the Persons composing the respective Troops.

III. THE Corps to be subject to be embodied within the Riding; by special Direction from his Majesty on imminent Danger of immediate Invasion; and to be marched out of the Riding to any part of the Kingdom of Great-Britain, by the like Authority from his Majesty in Case of actual Invasion.

IV. To be subject to be called upon, by special Direction from his Majesty for the Suppression of Riots and Tumults existing in any adjoining Riding or County, in which a Corps shall have been raised for its Internal Defence, for the Purpose of assisting such Corps, *during the Continuance* of such Riots and Tumults.

V. To be liable to be called upon, by Order from his Majesty, or by the Lord Lieutenant, or by any one Magistrate of the Riding; or by the Sheriff of the county, for the Suppression of Riots and Tumults within the Riding.

VI. In all Cases (c) when embodied and called out as above, to receive pay as Light Dragoons, and to be subject to Military Discipline, as the rest of his Majesty's Regular and Militia Troops, under the Restrictions and Regulations of the above-mentioned Act.

VII. ALL Persons attending on the day of Exercise, to wear uniform

Coats, Waistcoats, Breeches, Boots, and Hats, according to Patterns to be produced—These Articles (d) together with Accoutrements, Cloak, uniform Saddles and Bridles complete, to be provided at the Expence of the Riding Subscription, except any Persons chuse to provide them at their own Expence.

VIII. *Such of the several Articles enumerated in the last Clause, as shall remain in the Custody of each Man, while he belongs to the Corps, to be produced in good Order on each day of Exercise: and such of them as shall have been furnished at the Expence of the Riding-Subscription, to be delivered up, when required, to the Commanding Officer, or such Person or Persons as shall by the General Committee be commissioned to receive them.*

IX. EACH Man, while he belongs to the Corps, shall also produce clean and in good order on each Day of Exercise, his Arms, which are to be provided at the Expence of Government; to be delivered up, when required, to the Commanding Officer, or such Person or Persons, as shall, under his Majesty's Authority be commissioned to receive the same.

X. EACH Troop to consist of not less than fifty Men (Officers included) to be under the particular Command of the Officers belonging to it, while exercised in their respective Districts; but the whole Corps to be under the General Superintendence of Field-Officers, if regimented.

XI. THE Officers to receive Commissions from his Majesty, or from the Lord Lieutenant of the Riding, or others who may be specially authorized by his Majesty for that Purpose.

XII. ALL Pay received from Government by any Person serving under this Enrolment, Non-Commissioned Officers excepted, when the Corps is embodied or called out on Service (e) to be put into one General Stock-Purse, and divided equally amongst the Corps.

NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

(a) Substantial Householders, or their Sons, whether Manufacturers, Farmers, Tradesmen, or of any other Occupation, may enrol their Names.

(b) As it is proposed that the Days of Exercise shall not be oftener than once a Week, and as with the general Consent of the Persons called out to Exercise; and as this Attendance on the Weekly Exercise will be dispensed with during Hay-Time and Harvest, this Engagement cannot materially interfere with the other Occupations of any Person who shall enter into it.

(c) As the Corps is to be embodied within the Riding only, in Case of imminent Danger of immediate Invasion, or during the Existence of any Riot or Tumult within the same, and can be marched out of the Riding into any part of the Kingdom only in Case of actual Invasion, and into any adjoining Riding or County only in Aid of any similar Corps, for the Suppression of Riots and Tumults in such adjoining Riding or County; this Engagement does not subject any Person to Military Discipline *beyond the Continuance* of such Riots or Tumults, or of such imminent Danger of immediate or actual Invasion.

(d) Every Article of Accoutrements, Saddle, Bridle, and Cloathing, being furnished by the Subscription-Fund, and the Arms from Government, those who shall enrol themselves to serve in Person, are not obliged to incur any other Expence than the maintenance of themselves and their Horses, during the few Hours they are called together for Exercise.

(e) As the Officers, when embodied and entitled to pay, engage to put the same into one General Stock-Purse with the rest of the Corps, the daily Allowance of every Person serving in the Ranks, will be augmented considerably beyond the Pay allowed by Government to the regular Light Cavalry.

ADDITIONAL NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

As to the 2d Article relative to Times and Places of Exercise.

The Officers of each Troop will fix upon one Town or Place, the most central within the Wapontake, for the General Muster of such Troop—Such Place of General Muster being for the Purpose of Assembling on an Emergency and of likewise exercising the whole Troop united, in Order that the Troop may be taught to act in a Body; but such General Muster for Exercise not to be oftener than once a Month, without the Consent of the Troop. And, with a View to accommodate Volunteers as to the weekly Exercise, the Officers will also fix other convenient Places within smaller Circles of the Wapontake, to which the Volunteers of the Neighbourhood may resort for weekly Exercise, which Places

shall be looked upon as Stations, to which Notice may be sent when any Emergency requires a speedy or other General Muster of the whole Troop.

As to the 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th Articles of Enrolment.

This Enrolment taking Effect under the Authority of the above-mentioned Act; for the Purpose, therefore, of shewing to the Volunteers that they cannot be called out on trivial Occasions, it is sufficient here to transcribe the Words of such act, whereby they will see, that they themselves have, at the moment when they are called forth, the Power of deciding upon the Propriety of Marching.

By this Act of the 34. Geo. 3d. Chap. 31st. It is enacted "That any Corps or Companies of Volunteers who now are or shall hereafter be formed in any Counties or towns in Great Britain during the Continuance of the present War, under Officers having Commission from his Majesty, or from the Lieutenants of Counties or others who may be specially authorized by his Majesty for that purpose, and who shall at any time on being called upon by special Direction of his Majesty in case of actual Invasion or appearance of Invasion, voluntarily march out of their respective Counties or Towns; or shall voluntarily assemble within the same to repel such Invasion, or who shall voluntarily march on being called upon in pursuance of an Order from his Majesty or from the Lord Lieutenant or Sheriff of the County, to act within the County or the adjacent Counties, for the Suppression of Riots or Tumults, shall in such cases be entitled to receive Pay in such Manner and at such Rates as the Officers and Soldiers, of his Majesty's Regular forces, do now receive; and shall during the time of their being continued in such Service and to receiving Pay as above, be subject to Military Discipline, as the rest of his Majesty's Regular and Militia Troops: Provided always that no Officer or Soldier, of any Volunteer Corps shall be liable to be tried or punished by any Court Martial, at any time, unless such Court Martial be composed entirely of Officers, serving in Volunteer Corps formed as aforesaid, such Court Martial to be assembled by Warrant, under his Majesty's Sign Manual, or by Warrant from some General or other Officer, duly authorized to hold Courts Martial."

And it is also further enacted by the 5th Section of the same Statute—That no Volunteer, shall during the Time he is Serving in the Corps, be liable to serve personally or provide a Substitute to serve in the Militia.

As to 7th, and 8th, Articles.

By the 8th Article, it is not by any means intended that a Volunteer, should be wantonly required to give up his Uniform Coat, Waistcoat, Breeches, Cloak, Boots, Hat, Saddle and Bridle; but is meant only to operate on Cases of improper Conduct; otherwise the Articles enumerated are to remain the Property of each Volunteer, serving to the end of the War.